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Schumann et al.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Letter mailed on November 26, 2002, please amend the claims as follows.

28. (Amended) A process for treating septicemia caused by gram-negative bacteria, by gram-positive bacteria, [or] by trauma [and/]or by injury, which comprises administering to a patient in need therefor an agent containing [as the active component protein binding liposachcharide (LBP)] an effective amount of lipopolysaccharide binding protein (LBP), [its variants, mutants or hybrid proteins] wherein said effective amount of LBP binds to lipopolysaccharide (LPS) and suppresses septicemia caused by LPS.

31. (Amended) The process of claim 28, wherein said LBP is at least one of rabbit [of] or rat LBP.

32. (Amended) The process of claim 28, [ehrtrion] wherein said LBP is a hybrid of LBP [with] and [an LPS] a lipopolysaccharide binding site of [bactericidal]